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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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**WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 16, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Fox, Public Member, Chairperson
Judy Morrison, RDH
Amber Riley-Burns, RDH
Ruth "Pixie" Needham, RDH

STAFF PRESENT: Vicki Brown, Program Manager
Jennifer Bressi, Program Manager
Joy King, Executive Director
Sandie Pearson, Program Representative
Geoff Hymens, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)

OTHERS PRESENT: Melissa Johnson, Lobbyist for Washington State Dental
Hygienists' Association (WSDHA)
David Hemion, Assistant Executive Director – Washington State
Dental Association (WSDA)
Colleen Gaylord, Representing Western Regional Examining
Board (WREB) and Washington State Dental Hygienists'
Association (WSDHA)
Elizabeth Kluniecki

The Dental Hygiene Examining Committee met at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 16, 2008 at the Department of Health, Point Plaza East, Room 152/153, 310 Israel Rd SE, Tumwater WA 98501.

OPEN SESSION – 9:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Peter Fox, chairperson.

1.1 Introductions

The committee was introduced to the new committee member, Ruth "Pixie" Needham. Joy King informed the committee of staffing changes that have taken

place. Vicki Brown is the new Program Manager for Dental Hygiene replacing Jennifer Bressi who is now the new program manager for the Dental Quality Assurance Commission. The audience introduced themselves to the committee.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

1.3 Approval of February 15, 2008 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of February 15, 2008 were approved as presented.

2. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT REPORT

Information provided to the committee by the Program Manager.

2.1 Status of new committee member appointment

Ruth "Pixie" Needham, RDH was introduced as the new committee member replacing the vacancy left when Marilyn Carothers, RDH resigned.

2.2 Committee member appointment expiration/recruitment

Peter Fox, public member and Amber Riley-Burns, RDH member appointment terms expire on September 30, 2008. A recruitment notice for these appointments will be sent out. Mr. Fox and Ms. Riley-Burns are eligible for reappointment.

2.3 Budget

Interim operating reports for February 2008 through March 2008 were provided to the committee for their information. It was mentioned that the fees to renew a dental hygiene license will increase by \$10.00 effective August 1, 2008.

2.4 Licensing and Disciplinary Statistics

Vicki Brown provided the committee the current licensing and disciplinary statistics. Dental hygiene discipline cases are low.

2.5 Status of Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1099 implementation

Jennifer Bressi has filed the proposed rules for expanded function dental auxiliaries (EFDAs) and dental assistants (DAs).

- 2.6 Status of the definition rule – NEW SECTION WAC 246-815-260 Off site supervision

Ms. Bressi reported that she had finalized the definition rule and submitted the CR-103 package.

- 2.7 Mandatory Reporting rules Chapter 246-16 WAC

Ms. King provided the committee an update on the Mandatory Reporting rules. The committee will be kept updated on changes.

- 2.8 Fourth Substitute House Bill (4SHB) 1103 – Acts Relating to Health Professions.

The committee was briefed on 4SHB 1103. This will affect only full authority boards and commissions and will not affect the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee. The committee requested to be kept updated on this work.

3. PRESENTATION

Colleen Gaylord, RDH provided a presentation to the committee on the importance of state participation with the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB). Ms. Gaylord reported that WREB needs a better flow of information from the state.

4. WASHINGTON STATE DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE SURVEY

- 4.1 Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA) Examiner and Candidate Manuals

Amber Riley-Burns, RDH presented an overview of differences in exams offered by CITA versus the Central Regional Dental Testing Services (CRDTS.) The committee asked staff to contact CITA on getting a temporary password to review their website, take the examination used for examiner calibration and to observe an examination administration. Staff will provide an update at the next committee meeting.

- 4.2 The committee will complete their review to determine which states and regional exams are considered substantively equivalent.

The committee reviewed which states and regional exams are considered substantively equivalent. States that did not respond to the survey are not acceptable as substantively equivalent. The committee requested staff to review previous minutes to determine when the North East Regional Board (NERB) examination was accepted in Washington.

- 4.3 The committee will finalize the list of Qualifying Examinations for Licensure by Interstate Endorsement

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

5. SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL (SHB) 1298 2007

- 5.1. The committee will discuss how the results of SHB 1298 will be reported to the legislature.

The committee was provided a timeline for preparing a report containing the results of SHB 1298. Staff will prepare a draft report based on data being collected. The draft will be presented to the committee at the next meeting scheduled in August.

- 5.2. The committee will re-schedule the November 2008 meeting or have an additional meeting during the last week of October 2008 to finalize the report.

The committee re-scheduled the November 2008 meeting to October 31, 2008 and will still be held at SeaTac.

6. PARTICIPANTS FOR REGIONAL BOARD MEETINGS

- 6.1 April 16, 2008 Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) notice regarding crown preparation for the exam. The committee will discuss the crown preparation exam and determine who will attend the July 2008 WREB meeting.

The committee will send Pixie Needham, RDH to attend the July 2008 WREB meeting.

- 6.2 The committee will determine who will attend the August 2008 Central Regional Dental Testing Service meeting.

Amber Riley-Burns, RDH will be attending the August 2008 Central Regional Dental Testing Service meeting on behalf of the committee.

7. FOLLOW UP FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The committee will decide if a committee member will observe a North East Regional Board (NERB) examination.

Judy Morrison will attend and observe a North East Regional Board clinical examination.

8. CONSENT AGENDA – CORRESPONDENCE

The following item(s) and any additional correspondence received or sent is for the committee's information. If separate discussion is desired on an item, a single motion by a DHEC member will place the specific item(s) on the regular business agenda. Otherwise, there will be no discussion.

- 8.1 The News Tribune article dated April 30, 2008 – Journeyman dentists raise issue of expertise.

9. OTHER OPEN SESSION BUSINESS

Colleen Gaylord shared with the committee that the Idaho State Board of Dentistry has a poster that details the duties of each dental professional. The poster is displayed in dental offices for staff to easily refer to for guidance. The committee requested staff to contact the Idaho State Board of Dentistry to obtain a copy to bring to the next committee meeting in August.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 10.1 Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1099 – Dental Hygiene Examining Committee role for 2012 report.
10.2 Committee Member Training
10.3 Disciplinary Process and Sanctioning Guidelines presentation
10.4 Open public meetings act presentation

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, May 16, 2008. The next meeting will be held in Tumwater on Friday, August 8, 2008.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved By:

Vicki Brown
Program Manager

Peter Fox, Chairperson,
Public Member